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SUBJECT: NEW PRESIDENT OF BELGIAN BANKING COMMISSION APPOINTED:
JEAN GODEAUX

ALSO FOR TREASURY, FEDERAL RESERVE, FDIC, AND SEC

1. IN BELGIUM, THE BANKING COMMISSION PERFORMS FUNCTIONS SIMILAR TO SOME OF THOSE DONE IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE (SUPERVISION OF BANKS), FDIC (BANKING SUPERVISION) AND SEC (SUPERVISION OF STOCK BROKERS).
 2. ON JUNE 18, 1974, THE BELGIAN MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (OLEFFE-- HIMSELF THE PRIOR BANKING COMMISSION PRESIDENT) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF JEAN GODEAUX AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE BELGIAN BANKING COMMISSION.
 3. MR. GODEAUX WAS BORN IN 1922 AND HOLDS A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN. AFTER FOUR YEARS WORKING AT THE NATIONAL BANK OF BELGIUM, IN 1949 HE MOVED TO THE IMF/IBRD IN WASHINGTON WHERE HE STAYED FOR FIVE YEARS. IN 1955 HE RETURNED TO BELGIUM TO WORK FOR THE BANQUE LAMBERT WHERE HE ROSE TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS IN 1973. FROM 1970 TO 1973, HE WAS ALSO
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PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BELGIAN BANKS.

4. MR. GODEAUX IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN (ONE OF WHOM STUDIES PIANO AT THE JULLIARD SCHOOL). HE HAS AN EXCELLENT COMMAND OF COLLOQUIAL ENGLISH AS WELL AS OF FRENCH AND DUTCH. HIS MANNER AND LIVING STYLE ARE RELAXED AND OPEN.
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